

# THROUGH MABEL'S EYES

*a photo diary*



Arnold and Mabel  
**BECKMAN**

F O U N D A T I O N

# FRIENDS & FAMILY



Born on December 20, 1900, Mabel Meinzer spent her adolescent years in Brooklyn, New York with her parents, two brothers, and dog. Summers were filled with outdoor activities in Bayside, canoeing, swimming, camping, and spending time with a group of friends that Mabel fondly referred to as “the gang.”



# CAREFREE FUN IN THE SUN



Bayside is a neighborhood in the borough of Queens, with Long Island Sound and Little Neck Bay to the northeast. Mabel collected pictures of her friends, her brothers, and herself, sometimes adding handwritten descriptions.



*Cant-tip-over!*



*At the Spring*



*Nell!!*



*Kan oo - Kanna?*



# M.S.M.



Not all of Mabel's photo entries were of other people. In fact, some were portraits of herself that she labeled simply "Me" or "M.S.M." for Mabel Stone Meinzer.



*M.S.M.*



*M.S.M.*





*Me*



*The gang!*

## BAYSIDE, 1919



Mabel served with the Greenpoint, Brooklyn, division of the Red Cross during her late teens at the time of WWI. By 1919, she and Arnold O. Beckman were corresponding. She also attended Pratt Institute to study art. But she and “the gang” still found time for some Bayside fun.





*Charles*



*Me and my dog*

## THE THREE KIDS



Mabel was the middle sibling in a family of five. She had an older brother named Walter and a younger brother named Charles - and a dog!



*Walter*



# FOND MEMORIES



The album's images depict a landscape with meadows and trees, rocks and water, and camping shelters - a largely rural landscape that underwent change in the years that followed.



*Annette?*



*We're here!*



*Harry a la dive*

